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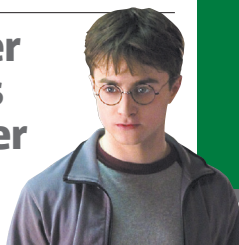
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### Potter takes darker turn

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## Celebrity Buzz



### Janet wants MJ's kids

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### Tragedy averted after boat capsizes

**ACCIDENT** A man and three young boys are safe and sound after their sailboat "tipped over" in a Lawrencetown area lake yesterday afternoon, a Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency Service spokesman said.

Platoon Chief Bryson Wilson said firefighters, paramedics and police officers responded to the potential rescue operation of the small crew that had fallen off the catamaran at about 3 p.m.

But by the time the fire rescue boat reached them on the waters near Candy Mountain Road, Wilson said, the 40-year-old man and the three boys, who are all around eight or nine years old, had already "righted the boat."

No one was injured when the sailboat flipped, he said.

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### Media launch **Halifax full of pride**



Rouge Fatale, a host for Halifax Pride, does a lip-sync performance during the event's 2009 media launch yesterday at The Company House on Gottingen Street. Halifax Pride begins Saturday and will run through July 26. **Story, pg 4**

### Car rollover kills one in crash on Highway 374

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**ACCIDENT** A 51-year-old woman died when her car rolled over yesterday afternoon on Highway 374, northeast of Sheet Harbour.

Police, paramedics and firefighters from several fire halls responded to the single car crash just after 2:30 p.m. in Lochaber Mines, which is part of Halifax County, said RCMP spokesman Cpl. Joe Taplin.

The woman was driving the car when it crashed. Taplin said she was ejected from the vehicle and died on the scene.

"There was a passenger in the vehicle ... (who suffered) minor injuries," he added.

The RCMP later said the passenger was a 40-year-old woman. Media reports indicate the passenger had been wearing her seatbelt, but the deceased woman wasn't wearing hers when the crash occurred.

Paul Maynard, spokesman for Emergency Health Services, said one ambulance carrying two paramedics responded to the crash. He said the passenger was taken to a Sheet Harbour Hospital with injuries that aren't life threatening.

Taplin said Highway 374 would remain closed for "an extended period of time" while traffic reconstruction analysts try to figure out what caused the deadly collision.

Police said they won't release the victim's name until her family is notified.

## FocusOn First Nations

For the next week, Metro Canada will be focusing on First Nations and Aboriginal news, community issues, arts and culture as part of a special series leading up to the Assembly of First Nations convention, July 21-23, in Calgary.

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- Tracee Smith on how arts can help Aboriginal youth, page 9
- Joseph Quesnel on the Nisga'a Landholding Act, page 9



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### Diesel Jetta roars back

# Testimony reversal

## Police officer contradicts his prior account at Hyde inquiry

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**A Halifax Regional Police officer reversed his testimony yesterday at the Howard Hyde fatality inquiry, saying now he did copy parts of his notes on Hyde's Taser.**

Const. Jonathan Edwards denied in court Monday copying part of his supplemental report on the Taser-ing of Hyde, who ended up dying in custody 30 hours later.

This was despite Hyde family lawyer Kevin MacDonald showing many passages of his report that day were identical to those a

colleague had written one hour earlier.

Edwards said Monday he hadn't seen the colleague's report until this week. But yesterday he changed his mind, saying he must have copied some passages.

It was the second contradiction of Edwards' unearthing yesterday. MacDonald revealed a statement Edwards gave to RCMP four days after the Taser-ing in which he said Hyde had been warned twice he was going to be Tasered. Video surveillance shows there were no such warnings.

Edwards said he did not remember why he would have said that in his RCMP statement.

As far as the copying of notes, HRP lawyer Sandra MacPherson-Duncan insisted there was no wrongdoing on Edwards' part because he only copied some supplemental notes written at the end of his shift and his original notes

were unique. She said there are no rules against that.

"There's no attempt to conceal anything because there's nothing improper

in what he did," she said to reporters outside of court. "At this point he had now been working 10 hours or more, probably more. He had been involved in a traumatic event."

But MacDonald said he was surprised to hear a different answer from when he originally asked about the notes Monday.

"I suppose if he had acknowledged (copying notes) in the past there'd be no significance to it," he said.

"But he denied doing that. And further ... he accepted my suggestion that it's important to do your own work."

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Howard Hyde

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**Cape Breton moves up from No. 10 to No. 3 spot as best island in magazine poll**

Readers of Travel + Leisure Magazine voted Cape Breton as the third-best island in the world. That's a jump of seven spots for Cape Breton as it ranked No. 10 in the 2008 survey. Cape Breton continues to be voted the best island in the United States and Canada. **METRO HALIFAX**

# Local



## Surplus auction this Saturday

Do I hear \$20? The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal will be holding a government surplus auction Saturday at 10 a.m. at the department's warehouse on Acadia Street in Dartmouth. Various types of lawn mowers will be amongst the items available, plus numerous vehicles, two boats and an assortment of commercial kitchen equipment. All the items up for auction can be viewed Saturday at 8 a.m.

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### News in brief

**CROSSWALK** A 60-year-old woman suffered several minor injuries including a broken wrist after being struck by a vehicle in a crosswalk at the corner of Hollis and Salter streets yesterday in Halifax. Police say the incident happened at about 10:30 a.m. and the woman was taken to the QEII Health Sciences Centre. The driver of the vehicle was issued a ticket for failing to yield to a pedestrian.

**ROBBERY** A 16-year-old male is facing a charge of robbery after an incident in the area of Sylvia and Herring Cove roads Monday. Police say three males chased a victim down a path around 5 p.m. One male demanded the victim's money, and the three fled on foot. Police say the victim was not injured. A 16-year-old male was arrested and is also facing a charge of breach of conditions.

**TRANSIT** Police say a Metro Transit bus driver is being issued a ticket after allegedly running a red light causing an accident with a car Monday. Just before 6:45 p.m., police say a car was travelling north on Victoria Road, then made a left on Nantucket Ave., but was crashed into by a bus travelling south on Victoria. Police say there were no injuries, but two people were taken to hospital as a precaution. **METRO HALIFAX**

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What's online today.

**Video** A Pakistani couple is forced to leave their kids behind after being deported at metronews.ca/canada

**Video** Tourists delighted by the return of Mounties and their black steeds to Parliament Hill at metronews.ca/canada



## Long-term care facility opens

Fifty new beds part of 1,600 to be created in province by 2015-16

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**Premier Darrell Dexter said — at the official opening of Bissett Court in Cole Harbour yesterday — that he hopes a new long-term care facility will help ease the lack of long-term care beds available to seniors in Nova Scotia.**

The new facility owned and operated by Shannex represents 50 of the 1,600 new long-term care beds the government says they will create by 2015-16 through the Continuing Care Strategy, which was started by the previous government.

According to the province's Department of Health, the average wait for a bed in a long-term care facility is 154 days in Nova Scotia, with that problem only expected to get worse as the population continues to age.

"This represents the transformation of the system into one that really starts to understand the kind of services that are necessary as we move to a point in time when 25 per cent of the population of our province will be over the age of 65," Dexter



Premier Darrell Dexter stands inside the room of a couple at Bissett Court, a new long-term care facility owned and operated by Shannex that was officially opened yesterday. The facility will provide 50 long-term care beds.

ter told reporters after touring the facility.

The residents gathered in the front room of Bissett Court yesterday to hear Dexter and Shannex president Joe Shannon speak. A couple living at the facility cut a white ribbon for its official opening.

The couple later showed off, to the premier, their ad-

joining bedrooms with a connecting door.

Shannon credited Dexter with the province's focus on long-term care residents and their families.

"It was Darrell Dexter that developed that policy and fought for that policy year after year," he told the crowd.

Dexter hopes the facility

will help more than just the people who live there.

"The reality is that each one of these facilities that opens has a ripple effect right through the community," he said. "It takes pressure off of other institutions, it allows for transfers closer to home; it takes the pressure off of the hospitals."

## RCMP identify man found in Eel Lake; death treated as homicide

**INVESTIGATION** The body of a man found in Eel Lake in Yarmouth County Sunday night has been identified as 34-year-old Neil Joseph Blades.

Investigators from Southwest Nova Major Crime Unit and Yarmouth Town and County RCMP

are now confirming the man died from unnatural causes, and the investigation is being treated as a homicide.

The RCMP believe this was not a random act based on an autopsy conducted Monday in Halifax, but would not disclose the

cause of death. It's been reported Blades is known to police.

Yarmouth County RCMP received a 9-1-1 call from a passerby Sunday at about 7 p.m. The body was floating in the shallow water of Eel Lake in Belleville, Yarmouth County.

RCMP are asking the public's assistance and request anyone who has been in the area over the past several days and may have information to assist the investigation by contacting Yarmouth RCMP at 902-742-9106.

ALY THOMSON/FOR METRO HALIFAX

## Recession not over yet: Report

**ECONOMY** The recession may be slowing in our region, but it's too soon to head to the recovery room, according to the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council (APEC).

In an update released yesterday, the council says there have been less job losses and more consumer spending in recent months, while real GDP is expected to expand at the end of this year. But overall economic

growth will likely not come until 2011, the APEC says.

Signs of hope are seen in Atlantic Canada's employment rate, which grew by 4,400 jobs in June, according to Statistics Canada. Since April, the Atlantic region has added 8,000 jobs and dropped total job losses to less than 11,000 since last October, the survey says.

But the APEC says employment levels will "remain weak over the next few months" due to more layoffs in the forest industry and scaling back by local General Motors dealerships.

Those who headed to Alberta looking for work are coming back, the council says, because of the slump in the oil and gas sector.

ALY THOMSON/FOR METRO HALIFAX

### Deficit

• The council revealed some longer-term concerns, such as the "enlarged provincial deficit" and the aging population. The report adds that the growing federal deficit could also lead to cuts in transfer payments to the Atlantic provinces.



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Los Angeles' critically acclaimed Celtic punk rockers Flogging Molly will be performing at The Palace in Halifax Oct. 14 at 8 p.m. The opening act will be Winnipeg rockers Inward Eye. Tickets go on sale Saturday and are \$37.50 in advance and \$40 on show day. **METRO HALIFAX**

# Pride welcomes premier

Dexter to join popular parade as part of weeklong celebration



JON TATTRE  
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**Darrell Dexter will join the Halifax Pride Parade this year, marking the first time a Nova Scotia premier has taken part in the event, organizers said yesterday.**

This year's Halifax Pride runs July 18 through July 26. The popular parade takes place July 25 in downtown Halifax.

"We have the mayor (Peter Kelly) and the premier," Pride spokesman Ed Savage said at yesterday's media launch at The Compa-

## Other noteworthy events

A couple of other events you might want to catch during Halifax Pride:

- **Queer Acts Theatre Festival**, July 20 to 24: Five evenings of plays at the Bus Stop Theatre. Tickets available at Venus Envy

or at the door.

- **Queen of the Vineyards**: Legendary drag queen Rouge Fatale leads a bus tour of the Valley vineyards July 24. Call 1-800-565-7173 or e-mail reservations@ambassatours.com

ny House on Gottingen Street.

Dexter joined the parade last year when he served as opposition leader and has long supported the gay community, Savage noted. Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil will also take part.

Expect more floats for the parade too, organizers said, as participants up their game.

"They realize so many people are there and to in-

crease their visibility, they're stepping up," explained Pride chair Liz McQuaid.

The ever-popular Dykes vs. Divas softball game returns as part of Halifax Pride July 19 at 2 p.m. on the Canada Games Diamond at the Halifax Common. The drag queens will put on their high heels and skirts to try repeat last year's victory over their foes.

Also, Artsy Fartsy is holding a youth art show at 7 p.m. on July 20 at FRED, and a talent show at FRED on July 22 at 7 p.m.

The tall ship Silva will take the party to the water the night of July 23 with the Pride Boat Cruise starting at 10 p.m.

McQuaid said Pride is also growing in Dartmouth with the Pride Family Picnic scheduled for July 26 at noon on the Dartmouth Common.

"We've rented out the pool at the Dartmouth Sportsplex. The changing rooms are trans-friendly — we made sure everything was accessible to everyone," McQuaid said.

For a complete list of events for Halifax Pride, visit [halifaxpride.ca](http://halifaxpride.ca).



Halifax RCMP released this photo of one of its cruisers, which they believe was hit by rocks while on patrol in North Preston early yesterday morning.

## RCMP cruiser struck by rocks, police say

ALY THOMSON  
for Metro Halifax

**ATTACK** A moving Halifax RCMP vehicle was struck by what are believed to be rocks early yesterday morning in North Preston, causing damage to the front windshield and doors.

RCMP spokesman Cpl. Joe Taplin said an officer was on patrol on Upper Governor Road near Nelson Whynder School when his vehicle was struck by the objects just after midnight.

Taplin said the car was struck three times. One of the undetermined objects hit the front of the car's windshield, another hit the passenger door, and

another struck the driver's side door.

Taplin called these actions "extremely dangerous ... especially when our officers are patrolling the community for their safety. It is a huge safety issue."

Taplin said incidents similar to this have occurred before in the North Preston area. He said this was not an attack upon the officer, but the car itself. The officer was not injured.

There are no suspects, but police are urging community members to come forth with any information they may have.

Anyone with information can contact the Halifax RCMP office, Halifax Regional Police or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

## RCMP seize stolen SUV, firearms in marijuana grow-op bust

**CRIME** Mounties from Halifax helped their colleagues on Nova Scotia's south shore bust an alleged marijuana grow-op yesterday morning in Hubbards.

Nova Scotia Power also helped police with the investigation, since a 34-year-old male suspect is accused of stealing electricity, among other charges.

He will appear in Chester provincial court at a later date on counts of cultivation, possession for the purpose of trafficking,

unsafe storage of firearms and possession of a stolen vehicle, Halifax RCMP said in a news release.

Police officers seized 300 grams of marijuana bud and 221 marijuana plants, along with "scales and extensive grow equipment" during the search on Fox Point Road at 10:20 a.m., the release said.

Police added they also found six long rifles, ammunition and a stolen Nissan Pathfinder SUV during their search.

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## Tall ships festival lends charitable hand to youth

**OPPORTUNITY** When the tall ships arrive in Halifax Harbour tomorrow, 50 young people from across Nova Scotia will hop aboard for a very big adventure.

The young people are getting the opportunity through the Seastar society, an organization that helps youth groups in Nova Scotia learn how to sail.

The experience of working aboard tall ships helps young people boost their self-confidence, the society said in a news release.

Tall Ships Nova Scotia 2009 has chosen Seastar to be its charity of choice. Seastar will also receive the proceeds from pancake breakfasts on July 17 and 18 at Historic Properties.

The young people taking part will each have the opportunity to participate in different legs of the Tall Ships Atlantic Challenge.

The Halifax portion of the tall ships festival is running tomorrow through July 20 at the Halifax waterfront.

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## Helping people with disabilities save for the future

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## Pay attention to the road

The province is reminding visitors about road laws in Nova Scotia, including a ban on hand-held cellphones while driving, a release said yesterday. **METRO HALIFAX**

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# Opposing players at front of Hyde inquiry

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**It's not technically a trial, but the Howard Hyde fatality inquiry is looking more and more like two sides opposing each other.**

There are more than 15 lawyers involved in the inquiry, but two main players have come to the fore.

On one side is Kevin MacDonald, the lawyer representing Hyde's sister and brother-in-law. MacDonald spent much of the last two days grilling Halifax Regional Police officer Const. Jonathan Edwards over the scuffle that involved Hyde being Tasered.

MacDonald delved into issues of police threatening Hyde, perhaps being too quick to use a Taser, and gen-

erally not handling the situation properly.

On the other side is HRP lawyer Sandra MacPherson-Duncan, who had her turn to question Edwards yesterday.

"You've had a long couple of days," she opened.

MacPherson-Duncan yesterday outlined the ways police reacted appropriately. She highlighted surveillance footage of Hyde, a schizophrenic off his medication, giving his name, date of birth and address, suggesting he knew where he was and what was going on.

For the first time yesterday she was openly critical

of MacDonald's treatment of the officer, saying some of his propositions were "highly unfair and had no foundation in fact."

"There were some inflammatory suggestions. They clearly don't

have any foundation," she told reporters outside the courtroom.

The Hyde inquiry is a fatality inquiry, not a criminal case. No fault or blame will be determined at the end, only recommendations to improve the system.

But already in Week 2 there have been many objections by MacPherson-Duncan over the cross-examinations of MacDonald.

**"There were some inflammatory suggestions. They clearly don't have any foundation."**

Sandra MacPherson-Duncan



Cpl. Matthew Wilcox, 23, a member of the 2nd Battalion of the Nova Scotia Highlanders, is charged in the shooting death of Cpl. Kevin Megeney in Afghanistan in March 2007. He also faces charges of criminal negligence causing death and negligent performance of duty.

## Victim's friend testifies at soldier's trial

**HEARING** A military court at the Victoria Park garrison returned to the scene of the shooting of Canadian Forces reservist Cpl. Kevin Megeney as one of his friends took the stand yesterday.

Cpl. Steven Andrews, a member of the Princess Louise Fusiliers, a reserve unit based in Halifax, lived in the same tent on the Kandahar Airfield base in Afghanistan as Megeney, on the opposite side of a plywood partition dividing the living quarters of eight men.

Andrews was in the process of locking away his weapons and winding down for the evening by watching an episode of the TV series 24 on a laptop with other soldiers when he heard a loud popping sound.

He said it was followed seconds later by screams of "Oh my God. Oh my God," by Cpl. Matthew Wilcox on the other side of the partitioned canvas tent.

Andrews testified he pushed the wall of the tent outward to peek around the plywood divider.

"When I peered in I saw Cpl. Wilcox by his bunk standing there with a stunned look on his face. When I looked further I could see Cpl. Megeney on the ground with a gunshot wound on his right side."

Wilcox, 23, of Glace Bay, a member of the 2nd Battalion of the Nova Scotia Highlanders, is on trial facing charges of manslaughter, criminal negligence causing death and negligent performance of duty in the death of Megeney, 25, of Stellarton.

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### News in brief

**FUNDING** The federal and provincial governments are investing a total of \$3.9 million for farmers and agriculture as

part of the Innovation Fund. A provincial news release yesterday said the three-category fund would support research,

innovations in marketing, developing new products and on-farm technology that boosts competitiveness. **METRO HALIFAX**

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Former prime minister Jean Chrétien says he was surprised but happy to learn Queen Elizabeth had awarded him the exclusive Order of Merit, despite his penchant for salty language and willingness to sing badly in front of thousands of people, CBC News Online reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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## Patients, hospitals reach settlement

A group of breast cancer patients has reached a \$5.4-million agreement in principle in a class-action case against a dozen Quebec hospitals that was launched more than five years ago, CBC News Online reports. Lawyers announced the agreement in principle for the roughly 4,000 women, each of whom had waited more than 12 weeks for radiation therapy. The proposed settlement does not, however, include any agreement on the standard of care. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

### Cold didn't kill beetles: Officials

**NATURE** This past winter did not provide the bitter cold needed to kill the infestation of mountain pine beetles in the forests of Alberta, so human efforts must continue, officials said yesterday.

The risk of the beetle's spread remains highest in northwest Alberta, making it likely it will eventually reach Canada's huge boreal forests, although its tree-killing march east becomes more difficult because there are fewer pine trees to infest.

The Rocky Mountains are also infested and the area remains under threat, officials said. **REUTERS**

## Claims too costly: Kenney

Minister defends visa restrictions as Prague recalls ambassador

**The financial cost of handling the flood of asylum claims led directly to the controversial imposition of a visa requirement on Czech and Mexican travellers, Immigration Minister Jason Kenney says.**

But the impact of the visa decision on the Conservative foreign policy agenda could be just as costly, threatening a proposed free trade deal with the European Union and marring a strategy of closer engagement with Latin America, observers warned yesterday.

### Worker statistics

• The number of legal, temporary workers in Canada from Mexico rose 68 per cent, to 22,344 from 13,261, from 1998 to 2003, the latest year for which statistics are available.

By comparison, there were 110,075 legal, temporary workers admitted to the United States from Mexico in 1998, and 130,327 in 2003.

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Prague reacted fiercely to the move, calling Czech ambassador Karel Zbrakovsky home from Ottawa for consultations, and seeking support from the European Union. EU diplomats said the 27-nation bloc could re-

taliatate by forcing any Canadians visiting the continent to get a visa, though that is considered unlikely.

EU spokesman Michele Cercone said the European Commission plans no immediate action but "re-

grets" Ottawa's decision and was seeking consultations with Canadian officials shortly.

"We expect the measures introduced by Canada to be temporary, and we hope that full visa-free travel between the EU and Canada is re-established soon," Cercone said.

Kenney said EU officials made no threats at a meeting yesterday.

"There was no intimation whatsoever of any kind of retaliation," he said.

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### Outrage over new requirements

Mississauga Ont.'s Sharon Corona is expecting relatives from Mexico soon and has a few words for the government.

"If you run into (Prime Minister Stephen) Harper tell him he's lost my vote," the American Airlines employee said. Corona, like others, was livid with the decision to impose a visa requirement on Mexican tourists, who make up the fourth largest group of visitors to Canada each year.

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## Bikers had tensions, court hears

**TRIAL** The key witness to the largest mass murder in modern Ontario history finally took the witness stand yesterday, looking more like a banker than an outlaw biker.

The witness, who is now living under a new name in a witness protection program, can only be identified as "M.H." to protect his identity.

Dressed in a neatly tailored blue business suit and tie, M.H. described, in

a calm and even voice, mounting tensions within the outlaw motorcycle club in the year leading up to the slaughter of eight members of the Bandidos Motorcycle Club in April 2006.

The trial, now in its fourth month, earlier heard that M.H. was present during the slaughter of eight members of the Greater Toronto Area Bandidos in April 2006 near the tiny hamlet of Shed-

den, near London.

While M.H. did not testify about the murders yesterday, the former executive member of the Winnipeg Bandidos said that most Toronto members didn't want the Winnipeggers to become full members of the club, and preferred to freeze them indefinitely at a probationary level. That meant they couldn't make major decisions on new members.

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### Edmonton Loops for troops



Members of armoured regiment Lord Strathcona's House competed against members of the media in a 1.6-kilometre (or a military mile) run yesterday at the Edmonton Garrison to promote Loops for the Troops walk and run, taking place on July 26 in that city.



## Public Open House Sessions

In the Fall of 2008, Metro Transit and IBI Group Consultants began work on a five-year Operating Plan, with the intent to determine how to best meet the demand and deliver future transit services to HRM as it continues to grow. As part of the process this past winter, over 9000 people responded to an OnLine Survey "HRM Listens", and provided their travel pattern information.

**We invite you to attend one of the following Public Open House Sessions to provide input into The Priority Plan for Metro Transit.**

### Dartmouth – Monday, July 20, 2009, 7- 9 PM

Helen Creighton Room, Alderney Library, Alderney Gate  
60 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth

### Lower Sackville – Tuesday, July 21, 2009, 7- 9 PM

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**U.S. military plane makes emergency stop in St. John's**

A U.S. military plane with hydraulic problems landed safely at St. John's International Airport yesterday, CBC News Online reports. The C-130 Hercules first made a stopover in St. John's, but the plane developed hydraulic problems soon after leaving and had to turn around. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Locavores embrace urban farming

**Sarah Nixon surveys her crop. She's weeded, watered, fertilized with organic kelp. But the blooms she needs are slow to arrive, given the cool summer.**

"I have two weddings coming up. I have to just figure that out. That's one of those things. It's farming," says Nixon, clipping the stem of a delicate purple cerinthe for a "romantic-sophisticated" bride coming to survey her bridal bouquet.

Nixon's farm isn't in a rural area, but in downtown Toronto. She grows flowers in back and front yards and then sells them for weddings, office receptions and, perhaps this season, to a florist.

Nixon is part of the new wave of farming, called SPIN — small plot intensive farming — which is growing in cities across North America. Riding on the crest of the local food wave, SPIN is cashing in on a new eager market.

There are some surprising benefits to growing crops in the city, says the movement's leader, Wally Satzewich.

You can't turn a tractor in a tiny backyard, so there are fewer expensive start-up investments, for one. Then, there's the city's asphalt, which absorbs the sun's heat and makes us all sweat more on hot summer nights. But, for farmers, it means a longer growing season in the spring and fall. And there is the garden hose.

"All I have to do is turn on the water faucet in the house and there is irrigation," says Satzewich.

Plus, there is money to be made. Satzewich says an urban farmer can make \$50,000 profit on a half-acre by planting up to four high-end crops like arugula and spinach over a single season.

The idea has taken root

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with recruits in cities from Atlanta to Vancouver.

"There's a huge interest in it," says Harris Ivens, who co-ordinates a farmer-training program at the Everdale Learning Centre northwest of Toronto.

More than 30 people attended a workshop on SPIN-arming he hosted in February.

"The field is wide open because there is so much demand for local, ecologically grown food, and so little supply."

The idea came to Nixon independently, before she had ever heard of SPIN-farming. She simply loved to grow flowers — dropping off pots on friends' porches from her garden. She decided to make it a business, first in her own yard and then expanding to a few friends. Next came cold calling — dropping off notes in the mailboxes of homes with big empty yards.

Today, her farm business — called My Luscious Backyard — includes five gardens. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



Sarah Nixon, pictured in a backyard in Toronto, runs a business called My Luscious Backyard. She uses other people's backyards to grow flowers, which she is then able to sell.

Record-breaking 100-plane flight ready for takeoff

**DANIEL TAM**  
for Metro Canada

More than 100 aircraft are set to take off together from Vancouver this Friday in a record-breaking voyage to commemorate 100 years of flight in Canada.

The small, independently owned aircraft will depart from Boundary Bay Airport and touch down at 30 airports across the nation before landing at Baddeck, N.S., on July 28.

"We've been planning this for well over a year," said pilot Anthony Nalli.

"When you have 250 to 300 people converging on any one small airport, there's going to be a lot of logistical things," said Nalli. "Everything from washrooms, to bottles of water and to food."

Other preparations included making sure the smaller airports have enough fuel to power all the aircrafts, and making sure air traffic control knows that more than 100 planes will be showing up on their radar at once.

## Ontario wind turbine restrictions may freeze shovel-ready projects

**ENERGY** A majority of "construction ready" wind projects in Ontario won't go forward if the province passes regulations that keep wind turbines a minimum distance from residences, roads and railway lines, warns Canada's wind energy association.

Association president Robert Hornung, in a letter to Environment Minister John Gerretsen, said more than three-quarters of 103 advanced-stage wind projects will likely be affected if the rules are enacted.

The Canadian Wind Energy Association is concerned about two proposed rules, one that would require turbines to be a minimum of 550 metres away from residences, and the

### Citizen watchdog

Jane Pepino, a lawyer and social activist with citizen watchdog Conserve Our Rural Environment, said the proposed minimums are appropriate to reduce the nuisance and resulting stresses that can, for some, lead to health problems.

other requiring turbines to be at least 120 metres or more away from roads, railway lines, and property lot lines.

Both rules were designed to satisfy health and safety concerns while creating a provincial standard that replaces a patchwork of municipal bylaws. Wind turbines emit noise, and some

residents have complained that the massive machines are disrupting sleep and making people sick.

After surveying 25 wind developers in the province, the wind association found that hundreds of planned turbines would automatically be in breach of the new rules, putting dozens of projects and billions of dollars of investment at risk.

"The end result of these two setbacks is that significant portions of the province will effectively be 'sterilized' from wind energy development," wrote Hornung, lamenting that the rules are arbitrary and not based on science or good public policy.

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## Toronto film fest hit by cuts: Organizers

**ENTERTAINMENT** The effects of the global recession are forcing big cutbacks in the world of film and could also hamper independent filmmaking for years to come, organizers of the Toronto International Film Festival said yesterday.

Festival chief executive Piers Handling said sponsorship funding is down from previous years, meaning cuts to travel and en-

tainment budgets. "We've actually had to make some very, very hard decisions, some very difficult decisions," Handling told a news conference announcing some of the top movies. "We literally looked at every single part of the organization, every facet, and we tried to squeeze every single piece of money."

But Handling said the

**300** Last year's Toronto International Film Festival featured more than 300 feature-length and short films.

stars will still show up at the premiere-studded 10-day event, which begins Sept. 10, and the cuts would likely not be obvious to audiences. **REUTERS**

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Four Russians, a Frenchman and a German ended a simulated 105-day space trip in Moscow yesterday designed to test their responses in the kind of isolated surroundings they would experience in a manned mission to Mars. **REUTERS**

# World



## Madoff begins prison life

Bernard Madoff's prison life began yesterday, far from the luxury homes, sleek yachts and designer watches and clothes he accumulated in the years he ran Wall Street's biggest investment fraud. U.S. Prison officials said the 71-year-old swindler checked into the Butner Federal Correctional Complex in North Carolina. Last month, a judge sentenced Madoff to a total of 150 years on several criminal charges, including securities fraud, money laundering and perjury for a Ponzi scheme amounting to as much as \$65 billion US. **REUTERS**

## French officials kidnapped

Two posing as journalists taken at gunpoint in Somalia

**Somali gunmen stormed into a Mogadishu hotel yesterday and kidnapped two French officials working as security advisers for the Somali government, witnesses and officials said.**

A Somali government official, who asked not to be named, said the two Frenchmen had been posing as reporters for their own protection. "They were security consultants who arrived in Somalia to train State House security guards, not journalists," the official said.

The French Foreign Ministry confirmed that two French officials working as security advisers to the Somali government had been kidnapped.

A ministry statement issued in Paris said the men were on an "official mission" when they were seized by a group of armed men. "They were providing help in security matters to



People walk outside the Sahafi hotel where two foreigners were kidnapped in Somalia's capital Mogadishu yesterday.

the transitional federal government of President Sheikh Sharif," it added.

With hardline Islamist insurgents battling government troops on a daily basis, Mogadishu is one of the most dangerous cities in the world. **REUTERS**

## Sotomayor defends comments

**HEARINGS** U.S. Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor defended one of her most controversial statements yesterday, saying she never meant to imply that a Hispanic woman would make a better judge than a white man.

Sotomayor, poised to become the first Hispanic justice on the top U.S. court, came in for sharp questions as the Senate Judiciary Committee sought her views on everything from race to abortion to antitrust law.

Republicans have drawn ammunition from a 2001 speech she gave in which she said a "wise Latina" might arrive at a better legal decision than a white man, as well as an appeals court decision she made upholding the right of a city to discard firefighter test results which did not produce enough minority candidates. **REUTERS**



Sotomayor

## Troops on track for deadliest month yet

**AFGHANISTAN** Six Ukrainians supplying British troops in Afghanistan were killed in a helicopter crash yesterday and two U.S. Marines and an Italian soldier were killed in what could become the bloodiest month in the eight-year-old war.

Authorities in Moldova said the cargo helicopter, owned by an aviation firm there, was brought down by a missile. The Taliban also claimed to have shot down the chopper, a rare occurrence.

In Brussels, a NATO spokesman said the cause of the crash was under investigation but he could not confirm details of passengers on board.

A total of 43 foreign soldiers have already died this month as U.S. and British troops simultaneously launched the two biggest operations of the war to seize Helmand province,

the Taliban's opium-producing heartland. The highest death toll for Western forces in Afghanistan since 2001 is 46 for an entire month.

U.S. President Barack Obama, who has identified the insurgencies in Afghanistan and Pakistan as the main threat to U.S. security, is presiding over an escalation strategy in which the number of U.S. troops will rise from 32,000 to 68,000 by the end of the year.

About 57,000 American troops are in place now, along with another 36,000 troops from Western allies. Commanders have said they expect a sharp spike in casualties as new troops move into areas held by



Obama

fighters ahead of an Aug. 20 presidential election.

U.S. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Michael Mullen, who arrived in Afghanistan yesterday, told troops at Bagram air base that Obama's new strategy meant there would now be enough troops to win.

"While we have under-resourced this in previous years, we're very committed to getting the resources right now for this fight," he said. "I believe to the depths of my heart and soul that we can succeed here."

In Washington, Obama, after meeting Dutch Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende, said: "All of us want to see an effective exit strategy where increasingly the Afghan army, Afghan police, Afghan courts, Afghan government are taking more responsibility for their own security." **REUTERS**

## China rebuffs genocide claim

**UNREST** China yesterday dismissed Turkey's accusation of genocide in its north-western Muslim region of Xinjiang, where rioting killed 184 people, mostly majority Han Chinese.

Turkish Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan said last week genocide was being committed in Xinjiang and called on Chinese authorities to intervene.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang said the accusation of genocide simply did not make sense. Most people who died in the riots were Han and over the past few decades the Uighur population in Xinjiang had shot up, he said.

"In which country could this be called genocide?" Qin told a regular news

### Cultural bonds

• Turkish nationalists see Xinjiang as the easternmost frontier of Turkic ethnicity. Thousands of Uighurs live in Turkey.

briefing. "We hope that our Muslim brothers can realize the truth of the July 5 incident in Urumqi. Once they know the truth, they would support our ethnic and religious policies and the measures the Chinese government has taken to deal with the incident."

The death toll included 46 Uighurs, a Turkic people who are largely Muslim and share linguistic and cultural bonds with Central Asia. **REUTERS**

### News in brief

**SUDAN** A Sudanese politician called yesterday for an inquiry into reports young women from Sudan's Christian south had been flogged for defying Islamic law by wearing trousers in Khartoum. Police arrested 13 young women earlier this month, accusing them of wearing indecent clothes in a cafe, and later flogged 10 of them, one of the arrested women told journalists. Khartoum, along with all of Sudan's Muslim north, operates under

Islamic sharia law, but the punishment of residents of the capital originating from the south remains a sensitive issue.

**TALKS** Pakistan's prime minister said yesterday he hoped a meeting in Egypt with his Indian counterpart would get peace talks back on track after last year's Mumbai attacks. India's foreign minister described tomorrow's planned meeting between Yusuf Raza Gilani and Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, as "crucial." **REUTERS**

## Kenya Illegal ivory bust



A Kenyan ranger arranges a shipment of elephant tusks and rhino horns intercepted at the Nairobi airport yesterday. The smuggled consignment of 280 kilograms of raw ivory and two fresh rhino horns are valued at over \$1 million US.

### News in brief

**EXECUTIONS** Iran hanged 13 members of a Sunni rebel group yesterday for killings and attacks in a volatile south-eastern area, but they were put to death in prison and not in

public as initially planned, official media reported. The execution of a 14th member of Jundollah was postponed for a few days in order to get more information from him, the judi-

ciary said. Predominantly Shiite Muslim Iran claims that Jundollah is part of the Sunni Islamist al-Qaida network and backed by the United States. **REUTERS**



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## Comment

## The power of the arts



Tracee Smith

Aboriginal students on reserves do not enjoy the rich programming those at publicly funded schools do. The majority of our 630 Aboriginal communities do not have the economic base — or geographic proximity — to offer the dance classes, piano lessons, or graphic design instruction that enrich the education of other Canadians.

Meanwhile, 70 per cent never graduate from high school, a figure that is critically important considering we are the fastest-growing population in Canada, with half of our 1.5 million people younger than 25.

But there are possibilities to inspire and nurture Aboriginal students.

I was once teaching

dance in an isolated northern Ontario reserve when I realized how proud the youth were to perform in front of their community. I thought: "What if I could get them performing in a huge theatre, with lights, and hundreds of people in downtown Toronto — how would those youth feel then?"

Hence, the founding of Outside Looking In (OLI). Now in our third year, we are the only national charitable organization that works with Aboriginal communities and organizations throughout the academic year to bring kids from reserves to Toronto to perform, all through the power of the arts.

Students are instructed by professional dancers from Canada and the U.S., who travel to a chosen community about every two weeks for about six months. When instructors

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are not there, school teachers rehearse with them!

The important — and only — catch is this: All participants must be in good academic standing and attend all of our rehearsals.

Through hard work and dedication, 28 youths have successfully performed in front of 2,000 people in Toronto. It's no easy task:

These students are accountable to OLI and to themselves to earn every bit of success. Once in Toronto, they endure daily rehearsals with professional dancers, see the sights, and meet people from all cultures. But the main event is the performance they worked so hard to create. Through that event they feel what it's like to be treated like true stars —

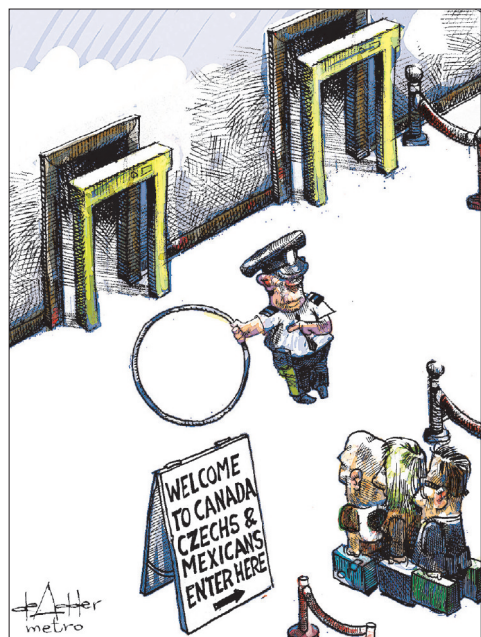
to get their hair and make-up done by professionals and sign autographs after the show.

While every participant has said OLI has changed their life, in some cases it has saved their lives. The majority of Aboriginal youth are considered at-risk with a lack of opportunities. Having these students succeed beyond their community boundaries gives them hope that they can succeed anywhere as long as they work hard, stay in school, and pursue their passion and dreams.

I tell them it is up to each of them individually on how bright they want their light to shine, and each day is a choice to make that happen.

To learn about sponsorship and donation opportunities with OLI, go to [www.olishow.net](http://www.olishow.net) or email [info@olishow.net](mailto:info@olishow.net)

Tracee Smith, a member of the Mississaugae First Nation in northern Ontario, is a professional dancer and choreographer and founder of Outside Looking In.



## Worth mentioning

## What's love got to do with marriage?

Living happily ever after needn't only be for fairy tales. Australian researchers have identified what it takes to keep a couple together, and it's a lot more than just being in love.

A couple's age, previous relationships and even whether they smoke or not are factors that influence whether their marriage is going to last, according to a study by researchers from the Australian National University. The study, What's Love Got To Do With It,

tracked nearly 2,500 couples — married or living together — from 2001-07 to identify factors associated with those who remained together compared with those who divorced or separated.

It found that a husband who is nine or more years older than his wife is twice as likely to get divorced, as are husbands who get married before they turn 25.

Women who want children much more than their partners are also more likely to get a divorce.

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## Views

## Nisga'a at fore of historic legislation



Joseph Quesnel

A historic conversation is occurring on a section of "Indian country" in north-western British Columbia. Nisga'a First Nations people are debating legislation that may allow individual Nisga'a to own private land they can transfer to whomever they wish, Nisga'a or non-Nisga'a.

The Nisga'a Landholding Transition Act would permit individual Nisga'a to hold land in transferable "fee simple." Properties would be registered and protected in the Nisga'a Land Title Office. This proposal would create real property rights, meaning land can be transferred to

whomever one chooses.

This would be precedent setting since, under the Indian Act, on-reserve First Nations do not own their own land, which is held solely by the Crown.

On reserves, title is normally provided to individuals through certificates of possession distributed through band council. But these certificates are only transferable to other band members and exist at the whim of political leaders.

But Nisga'a, under their modern treaty passed by Parliament in 2000, are not governed under the Indian Act and their new agreement with the government placed ownership of Nisga'a land with Nisga'a Village governments.

Now, this same government proposes to allow individuals to claim residen-

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tial plots. It is a small step, as the plots can be no more than 0.2 hectares (about half an acre), but this will allow for wealth creation and economic development on Nisga'a territory.

Wealth creation and poverty reduction are intimately connected to the institution of private property. Peruvian economist Hernando de Soto, a finalist for the Nobel Prize, in his landmark *The Mystery Of Capital: Why Capitalism Triumphs In The West And Fails Everywhere Else*, explained how poor people in developing countries were literally sitting on their ticket out of poverty. They possessed real estate and assets. But governments did not

provide them with formal ownership rights over these assets, so poor people could not place their land as collateral for business loans.

To grant individual property rights to Nisga'a residents will allow Nisga'a to leverage this land to secure credit and start businesses.

The debate in the Nisga'a territory must occur on First Nations territories everywhere.

Indigenous Canadians need to bring Indian Act bands and other indigenous communities into a robust system where land can be easily transferred to individual First Nations.

Then a real revolution for all indigenous people can occur.

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**Former GE co-chair hospitalized for infection**  
Author and former General Electric Co. chairman and chief executive Jack Welch has been hospitalized in New York with a bacterial infection but is expected to recover, according to his office. **REUTERS**

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## Home sales climb in June

**John Cocomile can't seem to walk a few steps before his BlackBerry starts to buzz. It's another client trying to close on a home purchase.**

"It's been like this for the last couple months," says Cocomile, a mortgage broker and owner of website [greedymortgage.com](http://greedymortgage.com). "Real estate agents are normally on holiday in the summer, so everyone expected things to slow down. But, good gosh, stuff

**"Good gosh, stuff is really selling out there."**

John Cocomile

is really selling out there."

He's right. Canadian existing homes sales soared in June, up 17.9 per cent year over year to 54,416 units, according to a report released yesterday by the Canadian Real Estate Association. The national aver-

age sale price also reached new heights on a monthly basis, climbing 3.6 per cent year over to \$326,613.

On a quarterly basis, sales in the second quarter were up 1.4 per cent, marking the first year over year increase in such activity since 2007.

The numbers beat consensus estimates by analysts and took some market watchers by surprise. "Canada's housing market looks to have managed

the equivalent of the great escape from the clutches of a lengthy, painful downturn," said BMO economist Doug Porter. "The rapid fire rebound in Canada's housing market is the most astonishing economic development of 2009."

Cocomile says a jump in five year mortgage rates in June — from 3.79 per cent to 4.49 per cent at some banks — may also have contributed to the boom.

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### Business In brief

**CYBERCRIME** The ever-weakening job market could well lead to an increase in online crime as laid-off workers, especially those with computer skills, turn to scams to support themselves, Cisco Systems Inc. said

yesterday in a security report. Disgruntled workers may target former employers, and Cisco warned that insiders "can be especially damaging for an organization because insiders know security weaknesses."

**BAILOUTS** Goldman Sachs Group Inc. employees, on average, are within striking distance of \$1 million of compensation and benefits this year, just months after the bank received bailout funds

and other support from the government. The figure will likely fuel criticism of the politically connected bank, especially at a time of recession and rising unemployment. **REUTERS**

### London Postal strike looms



A man posts a letter in a Royal Mail post box in London, England yesterday. More than 12,000 British postal workers are set to strike this week in protest at cuts and management action at Royal Mail, the Communication Workers Union said.

## PC sales down globally amid business cutbacks

**TECHNOLOGY** The PC market is set to suffer a rare decline this year, while notebook shipments will surpass desktop sales for the first time, a technology research firm forecast.

Global shipments of PCs are on track to drop to 287.3 million units this year, down four per cent from 299.2 million units last year, said iSuppli Corp., based in California. It would be the first dive in annual PC shipments since the tech boom went bust in 2001, the firm noted.

"An annual decline in

unit shipments is highly unusual in the PC market," said iSuppli's Matthew Wilkins in a release. "Tight budgets are putting the squeeze on corporate IT spending," he said.

Also behind the slump is a sharp drop in sales of desktop computers, as consumers increasingly turn to smaller, portable notebooks, which includes netbooks. Desktop PC shipments are expected to fall to 124.4 million, down 18 per cent from 151.9 million last year, the firm said.

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## Gas-weighted energy firms to lag

**ENERGY** Canadian companies whose production is weighted more to oil than natural gas will fare better in their second-quarter results as crude prices have staged a strong recovery from the winter's lows.

However, compared with last year's period of soaring oil and gas prices, financial results, which the sector starts releasing this week, will show the impact of recession on global energy demand.

Nexen Inc., the No. 4

Canadian independent explorer and producer, is the first large Canadian energy concern out of the gate with its second-quarter results Thursday. Crude oil makes up more than four-fifths of its production, which should bolster its showing, Hulshof said.

Still, analysts, on average, expect Nexen to earn 28 Canadian cents a share before unusual items, down 61 per cent from the second quarter of 2008.

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**Blackhawks change GMs**

The Chicago Blackhawks removed general manager Dale Tallon from his post yesterday, and promoted assistant GM Stan Bowman to the general manager position. Tallon will remain with the organization, reassigned to the position of senior adviser of hockey operations. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# Sports



## Nadal plans to play in Montreal

World No. 2 Rafael Nadal plans to resume training and return to action at next month's Montreal Masters as he recovers from tendinitis in his knees, according to a statement on his website yesterday. "Rafa Nadal underwent some new medical tests today in Barcelona," the statement said. "He is slowly recovering from his injury, will resume practice next Monday and will reappear at the Montreal event on August 8th," it added. **REUTERS**

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# Year makes big difference for Tiger

After missing last British Open with painful injury, Woods is back in winning form

**Tiger Woods has extra incentive to flourish at this week's British Open after missing last year's championship at Royal Birkdale while recovering from reconstructive knee surgery.**

Twelve months ago the world No. 1 was confined to his home in Orlando, Fla., and experienced intense pain as he watched television coverage of Irishman Padraig Harring-

ton's successful title defence.

"My day consisted of trying to get from the bed to the couch and then from there back to the bed," three-times British Open champion Woods told reporters yesterday.

"That was my day. I was going through probably some of the worst pain at the time. Just basically the two-and-a-half week mark and I was in pretty good pain."



**"Looking at my situation at the beginning of the year, to have three wins, I wouldn't have thought that."**

Tiger Woods

Woods had knee surgery after clinching his 14th major title in a playoff for last year's U.S. Open at Torrey Pines and was then sidelined from the game for eight months.

He returned to the PGA Tour for the WGC-Accen-

ture Match Play Championship in late February and has since triumphed three times in eight starts.

"It's been a tremendous success," Woods said of his 2009 campaign. "I remember looking at the year and just trying to get back

playing, (thinking) hopefully I can play and hopefully at a high level.

"Looking at my situation at the beginning of the year, to have three wins, I wouldn't have thought that."

"Granted I haven't won a major but I've come close," added the 33-year-old American who tied for sixth at the U.S. Masters in April before again sharing sixth place at last month's U.S. Open. **REUTERS**

## Digby Pines golfer grabs lead at junior boys championship

**GOLF** Eric Locke of Digby Pines has grabbed the lead following the second round of the Nova Scotia Golf Association's boys junior championship yesterday at North Sydney's Seaview Golf and Country Club.

The defending champion shot a four-over par 75 to sit at one-over through 36 holes. He soared passed Sam Holland of Ken-Wo, who was leading after Monday's first round, but is now tied for third after

finishing yesterday with a 78. Truro's Eric Banks is also in third, while Ken-Wo's Ally Tidcombe jumped to second place, one back of Locke thanks to a three-under 68.

In girl's action at Seaview, Irene Jung of The Links at Penn Hills held on to the top spot firing her second-straight four-over 75. Northumberland's Brynn Tomie sits in second, 13 strokes behind Jung, a 15-year-old from Bedford. **METRO HALIFAX**

## Main bout in Sackville cancelled

**BOXING** The main event bout for Friday night's pro-am boxing card at the Sackville Arena has been cancelled.

The event will go ahead, but boxer Aaron Kinch will not compete due to an unexpected death in his family. Kinch, a Dartmouth native, was scheduled to fight Halifax's Tyson Cave in the lightweight division.

Promoters said there's no time to schedule a replacement match. The middleweight and heavyweight pro-am matches are still going ahead as planned. The new main event will be a heavyweight encounter between Eddie Dawson of Porter's Lake and Tiny Brown, formerly from Halifax. **METRO HALIFAX**

## All-star game Doc on the mound



American League All-Star Roy Halladay of the Toronto Blue Jays pitches during the all-star game last night at Busch Stadium in St. Louis. The American League won 4-3.

## Two Nova Scotia athletes score first-place finishes

**AWARDS** Two Nova Scotian athletes were awarded after taking first place in gymnastics and sailing this month. Dartmouth's Devin Mitchell, 18, placed first in the open men's parallel

bars at the Canadian Gymnastics Championships in Hamilton, which gave him the nod as Cleve's Source for Sports/New Balance male individual athlete of the month for June. On

the women's side, two-time Olympian Lisa Ross, 32, took the honour after winning the Laser Radical North American Championships in Fort Erie, Ont.

**METRO HALIFAX**

### Sports in brief

**CYCLING** Great Britain's Mark Cavendish outsprinted Thor Hushovd of Norway to the wire to capture Stage 10 of the 2009 Tour de France, while the top three in cycling's most prestigious event remained the same. Italy's Rinaldo Nocentini maintained his position as the overall leader, just ahead of Spain's Alberto Contador, the 2007 Tour winner. Seven-time champion Lance Armstrong remains third overall, just eight seconds off the lead pace.

**BASEBALL** The defending champion Philadelphia Phillies are reportedly set to sign veteran right-hander Pedro Martinez. A report on MLB.com revealed the Phillies will announce the signing today, a day after Martinez underwent a physical in Philadelphia.

**FOOTBALL** The Kansas City Chiefs signed off-season acquisition Matt Cassel to a multi-year contract yesterday. Kansas City traded a second-trade pick to New England earlier in the off-season in exchange for veteran linebacker Mike Vrabel and Cassel, whom the Patriots slapped with their franchise tag following his impressive 2008 campaign. The 27-year-old was expected to earn \$14.651 million this season.

**HOCKEY** The Carolina Hurricanes agreed to terms with right wing Tom Kostopoulos on a three-year contract yesterday that is worth more than \$2.7 million. The 30-year-old tallied eight goals and 14 assists in 78 games with the Montreal Canadiens last season.

**SOCCER** Argentinian star Carlos Tevez will move to Manchester City after rejecting the chance to stay at Manchester United, where he had spent the last two seasons. Tevez is Manchester City's third major signing of the summer following the arrivals of Gareth Barry and Roque Santa Cruz. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Japan's postal service will deploy 40 electric vehicles this year, according to the Green Car Congress. Japan Post Service has signed five-year leases for 20 units each of the Mitsubishi i-MiEV and the Subaru Plug-In Stella. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Metro Drive

## Green outlook

More than 27 per cent of Canadians today would buy an environmentally-friendly car over a dream car, compared to 23 per cent of Americans, a new survey by global market research firm Synovate has found. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# Return of the diesel Jetta

## VW gets down to the heart of the matter — its engine

LORNE DRURY  
for Metro Canada

**Volkswagen's 2009 Jetta TDI sedan doesn't set any new standards as far as exterior design is concerned; it's what's lurking under the hood that really matters.**

The state-of-the-art clean diesel technology available in the Jetta will be THE key selling feature of the new model, which is helping VW achieve sales increases in Canada while most manufacturers have been losing market share.

Volkswagen has a long history with diesels and the Jetta TDI has been one of its sales leaders over the years. In fact, in 2006 about half of all Jettas sold in Canada had the old 1.9-litre TDI turbo diesel engine. However, changing emissions regulations rendered that engine obsolete and in 2007, VW didn't offer any diesel models.

The new diesel engine not only meets the tougher emissions regulations



After an absence of more than a year, Volkswagen is back with a diesel engine in its 2009 Jetta sedan and wagon. Inside, Jetta TDI is comfortable and functional, but not as up-to-date styling-wise as many in the mid-size market.

throughout all of North America, but it also is smoother, quieter, more powerful and more fuel-efficient than the previous diesel.

Gone are the days of the black smoke billowing out of the tailpipe as you drive merrily on your way, smugly telling the world that you're getting great fuel economy with your diesel, while at the same time adding piles of CO2 to the atmosphere.

Gone too is the "clatter" previously associated with diesel engines — at speed

up you can barely hear the engine sound although it is audible at start up.

A plus with the new 2.0-litre engine is the extra power that comes without sacrificing fuel economy. The new engine produces 140 hp and 235 lb/ft of torque, compared with 100 hp and 177 lb/ft with the previous model. That added grunt comes in handy when accelerating onto the highway or in passing mode.

As for fuel economy, the numbers are impressive — 6.8L/100 km city and 4.9L/100 km highway with



the six-speed DSG automatic transmission. A six-speed manual gets slightly better fuel economy still.

While the Jetta is clearly a leader on the technological side, styling-wise it's a fairly bland offering. Unlike the eye-catching look

of its Passat CC sibling, the Jetta TDI blends in with the crowd. Similarly, the interior is a functional yet dull Plain Jane gray on gray colour. However, all knobs and gauges are easy to use and within reach, while the seats are comfortable.

## Scrappage programs aid sales

**EUROPE** Scrappage incentive programs in Western Europe have led to 500,000 additional passenger vehicles sold in the region from January through May 2009, according to recent analysis by R. L. Polk & Co.

While year-over-year registrations in Western Europe fell 12.6 per cent (800,000 vehicles), the loss was mitigated by the effect of scrappage programs, which have been implemented in Austria, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Spain, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom.

Without the scrappage incentives, Western European passenger vehicle demand would have fallen by more than 20 per cent, or 1.3 million units, in the first five months of 2009.

FROM CARGUIDE

## Mazdaspeed3 pricing announced

**NEW MODEL** In Canadian dealerships this month, the second-generation Mazdaspeed3, one of the fastest front-wheel drive cars available, has been priced at \$32,995. The 2010 Mazdaspeed3 is born from the expressive and dynamic design of the Mazda3 Sport hatchback but is differentiated by its Mazdaspeed exclusive front and rear bumpers, front fenders, scooped hood, rear spoiler, interior trim and fabric.

FROM CARGUIDE

### 2009 VW Jetta TDI

**Type:** Two door mid-size sedan  
**Price:** \$24,275-\$29,775  
**Engine:** 2.0-litre turbocharged four-cylinder diesel (140 hp 235 lb/ft)

### Highlights

- Smoother and quieter than previous diesel Jettas
- Impressive fuel economy

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**Leno at Jag unveiling**  
Chat show host and car enthusiast Jay Leno recently hosted the reveal of the new Jaguar XJ, a luxury saloon. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

# Audi TTS a fine work of art

If God is in the details,  
this is one holy drop-top

PETER BLEAKNEY  
for Metro Canada



For 2009, Audi is offering a considerably hotter version of its 2.0L TFSI direct-injection turbo-four powered TT dubbed the TTS. Available in both coupe (\$57,600) and Roadster (\$61,900), horsepower count jumps from 200 to 265, and torque sees an increase of 51 lb.-ft. to 258 at 2500 r.p.m.

All TTS are equipped with upgraded quattro all-wheel-drive, a six-speed S-Tronic twin-clutch manual transmission and S-specific tuned adaptive magnetic ride suspension. Visually, you can spot a TTS by its 10mm lowered ride height, unique 18" wheels, chrome-look mesh grill, bi-xenon headlights, dual twin tail pipes, aluminum-look mirrors and black brake calipers.

There's no question this car is a stunner, and its beauty is more than skin deep. The 2009 TTS Roadster beat out the refreshed Mercedes-Benz SLK and

## 2009 Audi TTS Roadster

**Type:** Sports car  
**Price:** from \$61,900  
**Engine:** Turbocharged 2.0L DOHC four-cylinder  
**Power:** 265 hp @ 6,000 rpm; 258 lb.-ft. of torque @ 2,500 rpm

### Highlights

- Effortless speed
- Exquisite looks

Mitsubishi Eclipse Spyder to capture Best New Convertible category at the 2008 TestFest.

But is it a real sports car? My wife and I took our red specimen on a two day tour of northwest Ontario to find out.

With maximum torque arriving at 2500 rpm, the TTS can get caught flat-footed in the lower rev range, but once the turbo spools up this red rocket truly flies. The six-speed S-Tronic twin-clutch box is a delight. It shifts smoothly on its own, but the real fun is in using the paddle shifters to flick through the gears, hearing the rev matching



on downshifts, and the cute little woofs on upshifts.

Speed is deceptively effortless in the TTS. On a few occasions, after blowing by some slower traffic, Ms. Navigator was quick to alert me to the fact we were well into impoundment territory by a quick left jab to the right shoulder. Thanks dear.

In this part of Ontario, curves in the grid of arrow straight country roads are about as scarce as two-headed sheep, so most of

the accelerative forces we experienced were linear, not lateral.

Which suits the TTS to a "T". Despite its 10-mm lowered ride height and 245/40R18 performance tires, Audi's style icon is more of a swift and comfortable two-seat tourer than a true sports car. Yes, it goes, steers and grips like crazy, but it's strangely aloof and uninvolved. It's also let down by somewhat uncommunicative steering that is over-assist-

ed at lower speeds.

Compared to the benchmark Porsche Boxster (starting at \$58,400), it's not quite there. The steering lacks the Porsche's wonderfully tactile feel, and the chassis, while undeniably capable, doesn't communicate or respond like the mid-engined Boxster.

Get back to the touring side of the equation, and the TTS excels. The standard adaptive magnetic ride sports suspension serves up a pleasant and controlled

ride, the bolstered sport seats proved comfy over the long haul, and the \$1350 Bose audio upgrade with XM sounded fab. Add in the \$1500 Enhanced Leather Package (fine nappa seats, leather cowl, console and door pulls), and every aspect of this exquisite cabin is a visual and tactile delight. If God is in the details, this is one holy drop-top.

And as an object of rolling fine art, the Audi TTS Roadster is unparalleled.

## Watching what to eat on road

JUSTIN PRITCHARD  
for Metro Canada



**Concerned about drowsiness at the wheel? As the road trip season is upon us, some planning for meals and beverages can help keep your focus and attention on high-alert. Justin Pritchard asks Dr. Jennifer Strong, a member of the Canadian Association of Naturopathic Doctors, for the scoop on what not to eat when planning an hours-long road trip.**

**Q** Driving requires one to be alert and energetic — not tired or drowsy. If you're planning a nine-hour drive in a single day, are there certain foods to avoid eating?

**A** Foods to avoid would be anything that is hard to digest, or anything high in simple sugars. This includes greasy, fatty meals, which can leave you feeling in need of a nap afterwards. High sugar foods like candy, chocolate and slushies are good for an immediate sugar rush, but you'll have



If you planning to do a long road-trip this summer, it might be wise to think about what you will eat before and during the trip.

a 'sugar crash' after, and feel even more tired than before. Tryptophan is found in most meat and dairy products. It's an amino acid known to make you feel a little drowsy if consumed in large quantities — so avoid gobbling down multiple double-cheeseburgers on the go.

**Q** Are there certain foods that can promote alertness and focus on a long trip?

**A** Nothing substitutes for a good night's rest the evening before. Then, the goal on the road should be to maintain a normal blood sugar level. Foods that have adequate amounts of complex carbo-

hydrates and natural sugars are ideal. These include nuts and dried fruit, trail mix, granola, fresh fruit, whole grain cereals for munching, low fat string cheese, and veggie slices.

**Q** What about the timing of a meal before or during a drive?

**A** You'll be in a seated, sedentary position, so not many calories will be exerted.

Therefore, small snacks every three hours or so are ideal to maintain normal blood-sugar levels.

Plan ahead and pack your food in a cooler, as opposed to being stuck with fast food.

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**Vancouver OK's EV charging regulations**

Vancouver's city council has unanimously approved new regulations that will require electric vehicle charging stations in new condominium and apartment buildings, according to the Green Car Congress. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# View from the infinitely adjustable seat

**AutoPilot**

**Michael Goetz**

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recently tried out the new Mercedes-Benz E Class Coupe and liked it. My butt was particularly impressed. That is one fine seat. It features a unique

sculpted shape, beautiful leather, lovely cross stitching, and 10-way power adjustments for positioning — plus four other power adjustments to make you even more comfortable.

Those extra four dials located on the inboard side of the front seats can inflate and deflate six different bladders; there's one set for the side bolsters in the seat cushion, another set for the side bolsters in the lower seat back, and two individual ones for

lumbar. Crank up all the bolsters and the seat hugs your backside like a body suit. The lumbar feature is equally powerful; at one point it may have adjusted my prostate.

We've obviously come a long way, from the bench seats of yore.

I'm not suggesting we go back to those vinyl wonders, but one wonders if the most comfortable, adjustable chair you get to sit in any given day should be the one in the 4,000-pound device that uses premium

unleaded? Aren't we trying to get people out of the car a little bit? And we wonder why people keep choosing the drive-thru at Tim Horton's, even when it takes longer than the walk-in option.

The other thing that gets me about these infinitely adjustable seats, is that you spend an inordinate time fiddling with the adjustments. With so many settings, you feel that seating utopia is suddenly possible, so you adjust and adjust and adjust ... but you never

get to that place of backside enlightenment... it's just a mirage in the desert.

And when you think you're JUST THERE, you make one small adjustment to the recline angle, which begets one more small adjustment to the seat cushion tilt, which begets one more small adjustment in the lumbar, which suddenly makes everything ALL WRONG, which begets you to gnaw the steering wheel.

This exercise reminds me of what you go through

when a waiter or waitress tops up your coffee cup. You now have to figure out what precise increments of sugar and cream to add. With no reference point it's all a guessing game — one you usually lose.

But don't let my seat issues detract from your enjoyment of the continuing evolution of the automotive seat. Please, adjust away!

Michael Goetz has been writing about cars and editing automotive publications for more than 20 years. He lives in Toronto with his family and a neglected 1967 Jaguar E-type.

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In the coming weeks Metro's Workology section will be focusing on the part of the entertainment industry that you DON'T see. Backstage Pass will focus on the careers behind the camera and the curtain. So be sure to read Workology and Metronews.ca/work every day.

# Workology

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## SFU now in the NCAA

The National Collegiate Athletic Association approved Simon Fraser University's application to join the association, making the university the first non-US member of NCAA. Following a two-year "candidacy" period, during which SFU can continue to compete in both the CIS and NCAA, all of the university's varsity teams will compete in the NCAA Division II level starting in the 2011-12 season.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Like a football coach ... for dancers

## Backstage Pass

JON TATTRE  
for Metro Canada

David Connolly has choreographed for TV, movies and the stage. This spring, he was at Halifax's Neptune Theatre directing and choreographing a hit run of *High School Musical*, and that's where his passion lies: Live dance.

"Television and film is certainly more far reaching," he concedes. He choreographed the kids' TV show *The Doodlebops*, which is in six languages around the world. "People are doing the Wobbly Whoopsy all over the world because I invented the Wobbly Whoopsy. When you're having a really bad day, you're like, 'Oh, nope. There's a kid in Spain doing the Wobbly Whoopsy,'" he laughs.



Choreographer David Connolly's passion lies in live dance.

Choreographing on the set of Deepa Mehta's *Hollywood/Bollywood* one winter, he found the dancers' breath was fogging up the camera lens:

He had them chew ice to cool their breath.

"You get to do it till it's as right as it can be," he says. "The energy exchange in live theatre be-

tween what the audience is giving and what the actors are giving is where the magic happens. Boy, do you ever miss that in TV and film."

## "People are doing the Wobbly Whoopsy all over the world because I invented the Wobbly Whoopsy."

Choreographer David Connolly

Connolly started his career acting on Broadway, but switched to choreography because it gave him greater control over his career. As a choreographer he's "higher on the food chain" and the work is more stable.

"I see how very often (who gets the acting role) has nothing to do with talent," he says. "At a certain point, there are ten people who can play that part, so it's going to factor in nothing to do with you personally and everything to do with how you look with him, or where you live, or who the musical director loves or has worked with before."

"The insecurity (of acting) is probably part of what drove me to the other side. But there's no greater reward for me

than to make somebody laugh or think. That balances out the insecurity of not knowing where the next job is."

Many fine arts university degrees offer choreography as part of a dance program. You don't have to be a super dancer to choreograph: It's more like a football coach teaching his star quarterback.

On its website, the University of Calgary's dance program notes dancers have historically studied with companies. "A university fine arts education prepares you in a similar way," it says.

For more of the Backstage Pass exclusive series check Workology frequently or stop by: [metronews.ca/work](http://metronews.ca/work)

## Workology in brief

**OTTAWA TRANSIT CALLED AGIST BY STUDENTS** University students in Ottawa are criticizing the city over a new OC Transpo policy stipulating that full-time students over 27 cannot buy a student transit pass, which is nearly \$20 cheaper than the regular adult pass. Along with a failed U-Pass pilot project, the president of uOttawa's student federation says the age limit sends a bad message to students.

**TORONTO UNEMPLOYMENT RISING** According to the latest Statistics Canada report, the Greater Toronto Area's unemployment rate rose sharply

from 9.1 per cent in May to 9.6 per cent in June, due to declines in the construction and tourism sectors. This increase leaves the city far above the national jobless rate, which stood at 8.6 per cent in June. Aside from a lack of tourism, with fewer visitors from the U.S. coming north due to the recession and new passport requirements, jobs in the city's construction sector have dropped by 24 per cent from last year. However, there were job gains in June, the biggest of which came in information, culture and recreation sectors. **METRO CANADA**

# More to the case than just facts

## WorkplaceLaw

Daniel Lublin

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"One should always play fairly when one has the winning cards."

- OSCAR WILDE

Most lawyers will tell you that the outcome of your case is based on the facts, the prevailing law, the relative abilities of the lawyers involved and a bit of luck. In straightforward employment law cases, strategy is often overlooked. It ought not to be.

Generally, employers are in no hurry to move cases along quickly. They would much prefer to wait and let the employee's legal costs accumulate and her frustrations grow. In typical cases,

claims can meander through the court system for years, with inherent pre-trial delays, mandatory mediations and few, if any, deadlines.

So how do you win an employment law case? Here are some of the tips that I've gleaned from the workplace trenches:

### Where possible, proceed as a group:

It becomes much more difficult for an employer to ignore your claim when it is shared by others. Even two employees proceeding together will garner greater attention from your ex-employer, and its lawyer, than if you stood alone. Especially now, with the mass restructuring of Canadian workplaces well underway, seldom should disgruntled employees be without any partners.

### Address preliminary issues intelligently:

The strategic advantage that specialized counsel offers is to argue a lawsuit in ways that take the oppos-

ing lawyer, and his client, away from their comfort zone. In a case that I recently argued, I brought a preliminary motion to compel the judge to grant summary judgment, which allowed my client to obtain damages long before she even suffered them. Although the defendant argued that the case couldn't be heard, we successfully responded to the inference that a full trial was required by emphasizing the facts that were straightforward and downplaying those that were not.

### Don't make allegations that cannot be supported:

Most employment lawsuits are riddled with hyperbole, as a matter of course. Some lawyers believe that flashy allegations of bad faith, the intentional infliction of mental distress and punitive damages add to the value of their clients' claims. In my experience, the opposite is usually true. Not only does the case take longer to settle,

it inevitably will cost you more to do so. As well, given the risk that the judge will award damages against you for wasting the court's time, you had better be prepared to make out your claims — or quickly withdraw them.

### Choose your lawyer carefully:

There are no rules that limit lawyers without much experience in employment law from professing that they practise it on their websites and in the media — and unfortunately they do. The reality is that there are few lawyers who exclusively practise employment law. Most just dabble in the area, despite advertising otherwise. But employment law is specialized. Inquire what percentage of the lawyer's time is spent solely on employment law matters — and don't pay for his or her education.

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# Travel

## No more rock-climbing?

A controversial Australian government proposal could stop people from climbing the famed Uluru — formerly known as Ayers Rock — in deference to the wishes of local Aborigine people, for whom the 348-metre rock is sacred. Uluru, known for its shifting red-ochre colours, is a top tourist draw: each year, it gets 350,000 visitors, half of them from overseas, and is climbed by more than 100,000 visitors. **REUTERS**



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# Capital sights in Vilnius

Lithuanian city is in the cultural spotlight this year

JOHAN ÖBERG  
Metro World News



**The capital of Lithuania and Europe's oldest baroque old town, Vilnius, is European Capital of Culture 2009.**

This city already had a vibrant arts scene, and throughout this year it's even more alive with exciting events from art exhibitions and music festivals to theatre and literature festivals.

It's a stunning town that will charm you with its cobbled alleyways, cosy bars and intriguing combination of beautifully-preserved churches and the world's only statue of psychedelic musician Frank Zappa.

While you're there, here are a few sights and experiences you shouldn't miss:

**Gediminas Castle:** A perfect beginning for your visit to Vilnius is braving the walk up to Gediminas Castle to get a view of the city. You will see the old town, the river Neris and the 328-metre-tall TV tower.

**Cathedral Square:** On weekends the square is filled with newlyweds who are photographed before heading off to their receptions the city's many limousines. Vilnius has more limos than any other European capital.

**Pigs' ears:** Stroll down Pilies gatvė and have a rest at one of the many cafés and pubs, where a plate of smoked pig ears is a



A view of Gediminas Castle in Vilnius, Lithuania.

mandatory snack.

**Old Town:** The heart of the Old Town offers approximately one square kilometre of UNESCO World Heritage beauty, with lovely baroque buildings and surprises on every street corner.

**Uzupis:** Take a trip to the artsy, self-proclaimed "independent republic," Uzupis, on the other side of the little Vilnia River. Home to artists and musicians, it is Vilnius' answer to Montmartre in Paris and Christiania in Copenhagen.

**TV tower:** This is one of the few must-sees in new Vilnius — it is where the final stand took place during Lithuania's fight for independence in 1991. For the reckless visitor, there's an opportunity to

take on Europe's highest bungee jump from a height of 169 metres.



Drinking from a pump in Uzupis, the artsy section of town.



Smoked pigs' ears is an essential dish to try in Vilnius.

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**Vilnius beach:** Enjoy Vilnius beach, an artificial sandy beach on river Neris' north shore. A visit to the beautiful art park Europas Parkas nearby is a

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Thailand is marketing itself as a recession-friendly golf destination to help rescue its floundering tourism industry. North Americans find their usual golfing holidays in Scotland and Ireland are too expensive this year are going to Thailand instead. **REUTERS**



Volunteers stand to form the shape of a smile at Place Vendôme in Paris on July 12. Paris, the world's top tourist destination, is using the slogan "Paris smiles for you!" to welcome visitors.

# Parisians! Start smiling for the tourists, please

Officials try to counter poll that named Paris most overrated city

Faced with a fall in tourist numbers due to the financial crisis and a reputation for unfriendliness, the Paris tourist board has made a simple request to the city's residents: smile.

Visitors to Paris, the world's most visited city, have fallen 17 per cent since January compared with the same period in 2008, official figures show.

To counter the slump and boost revenues, the tourist board has set up

stands manned by teams of "smile ambassadors" to welcome holiday makers at the city's most popular spots.

As if to heed its call, hundreds of roller-skaters formed a giant smile in Place Vendôme in the city centre on Sunday. "We have to work on striking and simple images. There's nothing as telling as a smile," said Paul Roll, who heads the tourist board.

In May, a questionnaire carried out by travel site TripAdvisor found Paris to be the most over-rated city in Europe, citing its high prices and unpleasant residents.

Daniel Fasquelle, founder of a tourism association, said that French from all walks of life needed to play

**"It's the American tourist lost in Paris that we inform politely, it's the English person looking for the way in northern France who we don't get impatient with by honking our car horns."** Daniel Fasquelle

their part.

"If we want tourism, which has generated more than two million jobs, to remain a major economic sector, everyone has to get behind it — professionals, elected representatives, and French people," he said.

"It's the American tourist lost in Paris that we inform politely, it's the English person looking for the way in northern France who we don't get impatient with by honking our car horns," he said.

Paris is doing more than trying to make its residents smile to draw in more visitors. It is now possible to enjoy a virtual visit of the Champs-Élysées, the so-called "most beautiful avenue in the world," on the ChampsElysees.org.

Plans for a string of new luxury hotels are also in the pipeline, and Secretary of State for Tourism, Hervé Novelli, is counting on a cut in taxes for the restaurant industry, which just came into force, to boost tourism.

**REUTERS**

## Udaipur voted world's best city for travellers

**INDIA** The Indian city of Udaipur, known as the Venice of the East, was voted the world's best city for travellers in 2009 in an online poll by Travel + Leisure magazine, trumping last year's winner Bangkok.

The island of Bali in Indonesia topped the Galapagos to be named best island in the annual poll, in which casual and laid-back destinations prevailed.

Magazine readers also voted Bushmans Kloof Cedar Mountains, in South Africa, as the world's top hotel while Singapore Airlines grabbed the best airline award again.

Nancy Novogrod, editor-in-chief of Travel + Leisure said this year's poll reflected changing travel interests in a challenging economy, with Udaipur, famous for its canals and palaces, a current tourist favourite for well-heeled Westerners.

"Value, intimacy, service, and discovery are top priorities. As for that so-last-August-sounding word,

luxury, it's all about enclaves that shelter stealth wealth," she said in a statement.

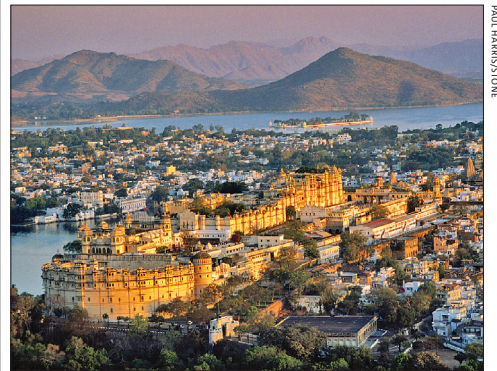
Novogrod said dramatically sited outposts ranging from Jade Mountain in St. Lucia to San Ysidro Ranch in California featured highly this year.

Value ratings for a number of top-ranked cities — Udaipur, Cape Town, Bangkok, Buenos Aires, Chiang Mai, and Luang Prabang — were sky-high while other far-flung cities also made a strong showing. However, favourites such as New York City, Florence, Rome, and San Francisco remained in the top 10 overall.

The results were compiled from votes by magazine subscribers in an Internet poll which went live between January and March. Travel + Leisure will honour winners on July 21 in New York.

The complete "World's Best Awards" is available on [travelandleisure.com](http://travelandleisure.com).

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A view over the city of Udaipur in Rajasthan, India, showing Pichola Lake and City Palace.

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**Insuring the weather**

Sun-seekers whose holidays are spoiled by at least four days of rain in any one week could be reimbursed after two French travel agencies, Pierre et Vacances and FranceLoc, launched insurance cover for unwanted interruptions to the sunshine. **REUTERS**

Pushing ahead **Venice's first female gondolier**

The first certified female gondolier, Giorgia Boscolo, poses on a gondola after passing her exams in Venice. Boscolo, 23, is a married mother of two, and her father Dante is also a gondolier.

**'Green' Asia hotels take the guilt out of luxury stays**

**SINGAPORE** Who says you can't have it all? An Asian hotelier is offering luxury, boutique resorts at idyllic destinations and their carbon footprint is small, too.

Singapore-based Alila Hotels and Resorts, which has properties in the Maldives, Thailand, Laos and Indonesia, is one of a handful of hoteliers in the Asia Pacific region that are leading in sustainable tourism, according to independent industry environmental advisory group EC3 Global.

Sustainable tourism aims to make travellers aware of their impact on the environment, both natural and cultural, of their destination, and spans everything from hotel design and construction to what is served on the menu.

The Alila Villas Uluwatu in Bali, Indonesia, which opened last month, was designed and built according to EC3 Global's Green Globe benchmark, and is one of three Alila hotels in Bali. The older properties also have green programmes. **REUTERS**

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British comedian Russell Brand will return to host the MTV Video Music Awards, which promises to have performances all over Manhattan, including Radio City Music Hall. Taylor Swift and British rockers Muse will perform. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Entertainment

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## Promoter wants Jacksons to sing at U.K. tribute gig

The company behind Michael Jackson's planned comeback said he wanted to stage a one-off tribute concert in the city featuring members of the late pop star's family.



Jackson

to the This Is It shows.

AEG Live chief executive Randy Phillips said yesterday he was hopeful of holding the tribute gig in London on Aug. 29.

"The number one item I'm discussing is presenting This Is It the production, hopefully with the Jacksons and may be Janet, and other artists," Phillips said. "What we're thinking about is one massive tribute that's broadcast around the globe."

REUTERS

## Potter takes dark turn

### Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince

**Director:** David Yates  
**Stars:** Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson  
**Classification:** PG  
**Rating:** @@@½

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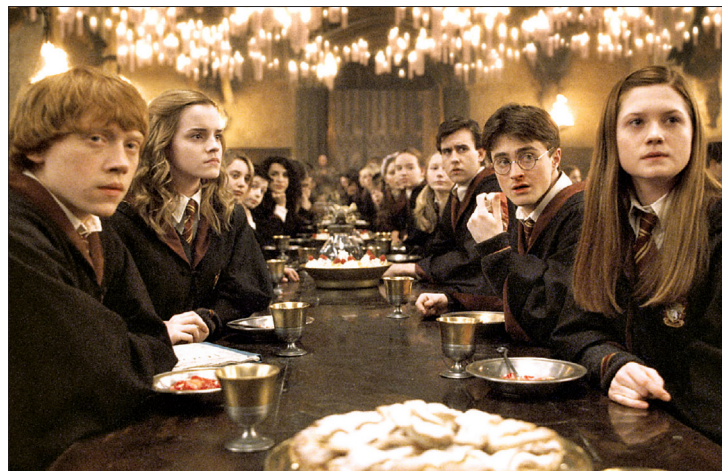
**REVIEW** If the fanciful world of Harry Potter were real, any parent who opted to send their kids to Hogwarts would need to have their head examined.

For why would any rational person allow their child to attend a school where lethal poisons are part of the curriculum, where the recreational sport is a brutal form of football played 100 feet in the air on flying broomsticks, and where an evil, homicidal monster attacks the student body at the climax of every school year?

This critic has never been able to get past this conceit but what do I know, really...

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince, the sixth film based on author J.K. Rowling's phenomenally popular series of young adult novels is, as advertised, a leaner, meaner and far darker entry than 2007's Order of the Phoenix. But higher stakes and grimmer themes aside, this is ultimately just another Potter picture, as good and as flawed as any of them.

"Chosen One" Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe) returns to Hogwarts for yet another fun-filled run of



Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince is the sixth film based on author J.K. Rowling's series of books.

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sweaty palmed teen angst and supernatural derring-do and once again, something sinister pulses in the peripheral.

As Harry struggles through potions class with new teacher Horace Slughorn, utilizing a found textbook that once belonged to the mysterious titular Prince, antagonist Draco Malfoy (Tom Felton) may or may not be aligning himself with the Death

Eaters, paving the way once again for the return of Lord Voldemort.

The film looks absolutely spectacular, with handsome production design, flawless digital effects and appropriately bleak, washed out cinematography. The young cast, especially Felton and Emma Watson, have matured into fine, unusually attractive screen presences and the older cast is first rate.

But the big issue I have with the Potter flicks is that they are almost entirely reliant on fans familiarity with the source novels and, in being almost scientifically faithful to those texts, they never feel like fully developed works in their own right.

Half-Blood Prince feels too long, yet far too underdeveloped to support its labyrinthine narrative and character arcs and is occasionally incomprehensible. Dramatic scene after effects soaked set piece follow each other, making the whole enterprise akin to a sort of "greatest hits" of the book.

Still, hardcore fans will likely eat it up. Casual viewers, maybe not so much.

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## First baby on the way

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# International appeal

## Winnipeg's Meaghan Waller crowned Top Model

BRIAN COULTON  
for Metro Canada

**Meaghan Waller doesn't know where she found the gusto to stomp it out so powerfully in the final runway show on Canada's Next Top Model.**

But the competition's newly crowned winner said the final challenge that propelled her to victory was the most amazing experience of her life.

"It was like a euphoria, with all the lights and cheering," said Winnipeg's Waller in the Toronto Fashion District office of her new representation, Elmer Olsen Model Management. "I'm pretty much on cloud nine."

Last night's finale began with the three finalists partaking in their last photo shoot — a bold solo cover image for Fashion Magazine. Nikita Kiceluk of Calgary, Alta., appeared to have the upper hand, having been praised earlier for her strong editorial look.

And while Waller's appearance is comparably softer than her competitors, she received largely positive feedback by the creative team on set.

However, it was Edmonton's Linsay Willier, donning a straight-on smile in her image, who ended up capturing the client's favour, winning the challenge and securing her spot in the final two.

And despite her past performance, Kiceluk crumbled in front of the judges, who continued to contend a self-deprecating front was holding the hopeful back from exuding the confidence required in the modelling industry.

"She plays it off as though she's the most confident girl you would meet, but I always think there's something underlying," said Waller. "You can't be that confident."

Instead, the panel selected Waller to join Willier in a final runway showdown that would determine the competition's winner.



Canada's Next Top Model winner Meaghan Waller says modelling is more than "just a pretty face."

In a runway show for fashion design team The Blonds, the dressed-up duo competed for the attention of the judges, who evaluated them from the audience's front row.

Willier's past runway acclaim was maintained during the show, as she marched strong and focused. But Waller wowed the judges with an unex-

pectedly powerful walk they hadn't seen from her before.

When the judges were forced to choose between the women who had appeared to perform equally well, tempers took hold and tears streamed. But it was Waller's perceived international appeal that inched her ahead of Willier, to win the third cycle of the competition.

"I think I ended up winning in the end because I'm a fresh face, I'm new to the industry and something people haven't seen before," said Waller. "I'm very versatile and will hopefully be a very good role model."

With her newfound publicity, Waller said she aims to raise awareness for many causes including cancer research, having had several loved ones affected by the disease.

"I want to make it known that modelling is not just a pretty face in a couple of photo shoots. It's a lot more than that."

## Fawcett's friend to release diaries from her last years

**BOOK** A close friend of late Charlie's Angels star Farrah Fawcett will publish her personal diaries about the actress' three-year struggle with cancer next month.

My Journey with Farrah: A Story of Life, Love and Friendship, by Alana Stewart, will come out on Aug. 11 — less than two months after Fawcett succumbed to anal cancer on June 25. The book is thought to be the first insider's look at Fawcett's illness.

Stewart, the ex-wife of rocker Rod Stewart and a friend of Fawcett's for 30 years, said she was encouraged to go into print by Fawcett herself and by Ryan O'Neal, the Love Story movie star who was Fawcett's long time com-

panion.

"Farrah had originally encouraged me to write this book. It was her idea. However, while I was contemplating my decision, her health took a turn for the worse, and I could no longer seek her advice," Stewart said in a statement.

"So I turned to Ryan O'Neal. He was so positive and so supportive. 'You have to do it,' he said emphatically. 'There will be lots of people writing books about her. Yours will be the truth, and it will be a wonderful tribute to her. You have to do it!'", she said. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Farrah Fawcett Foundation to support cancer research.

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### In brief

**ONLINE** Fans of HBO shows such as the Sopranos and The Wire can now watch them online if they are Comcast Corp subscribers, in the latest move by the cable TV industry to make TV programs available on the Web. Both Comcast and HBO parent Time Warner Inc

are leading the U.S. TV industry with initiatives called On Demand Online and TV Everywhere designed to help cable and satellite TV providers authenticate paying subscribers who choose to watch shows on the Web.

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	2	2	2	CBC-F	Urgences (SC)		Des saquelettes	L'Épicerie	La Petite Séduction (N) (SC)		Bons baisers de France (SC)		Le Téléjournal
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	18	18	18	CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Cooper 360
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	27	27	27	ITV	iCarly	iCarly	Family Biz	Prank Patrol	Malcolm-Mid.	Futurama	Survive This	Adrenaline	Falcon Beach
	16	16	16	A&E	CSI: Miami "Wannabe"		CSI: Miami "Deadline"		Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Dog the Bounty Hunter	Tears	Bounty Hunter
	70	70	70	APTN	News (N)		Canadian Geographic		Medicine Land		Boyz n the Hood *** (1991, Drama)	Larry Fishburne.	The Game
	50	50	50	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live (Live)				Arts & Minds	O'Reagan Film	Wingfield	Wingfield	Death at Opera
	37	37	37	BRVO	Street Legal		The Achievers	BravoVideos	Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Reba	Reba	Hope & Faith
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	38	38	38	DISC	Qubit (N)	Qubit (N)	Daily Planet		Mighty Ships "Mv Fairplay"		Deadliest Catch		Mayday
	48	48	48	HGTV	Holmes-Homes	Holmes-Homes	House Hunters	Property Virgin	Big City Broker	The Stagers	Property Virgin	Hide Potential	House Hunters
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	51	51	51	PEACH	Seinfeld	Friends	Family Guy	Family Guy	Calendar *** (1993, Drama)	Cube *** (1997, Science Fiction)			
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	22	22	22	W	Style by Jury	Style by Jury	Style by Jury	Friends	Grocery Bag	Grocery Bag	Love It or List It		Hugh (2005)
	251	251	WGN	Be-Millionaire	Evening News	TwoHalf Men	Family Guy		America's Next Top Model		America's Next Top Model		WGN News



Scarlett Johansson's first advert campaign for Mango has been released, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The Hollywood beauty sizzles in a series of sultry images for the Spanish retailer's Autumn/Winter 09 collection. METRO NEWS SERVICES

## Celebrity Buzz

### Big birthday bust

**WHAT A NICE GUY** Tony Romo picked quite the day to call it quits with longtime girlfriend Jessica Simpson. The NFL quarterback reportedly dumped the singer the night before her big, Barbie and Ken-themed birthday bash, which she promptly-

ly cancelled.

"Jess was too heartbroken to have a big bash," a source tells Gatecrasher. The reason for the split was simple, says another source: "Jessica was ready to settle down, and Tony was not."

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### Beckham backs off Jolie ad

**AVOIDING THE DOG HOUSE** David Beckham has refused to star in an advert with Angelina Jolie because he is married, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The British soccer star — who recently celebrated his tenth wedding anniversary with wife Victoria — doesn't want to upset his spouse by posing for an Emporio Armani underwear campaign with the

stunning Hollywood star, who is in a relationship with Brad Pitt. He told TV show Extra: "You know she wouldn't do it and I wouldn't do it."

"At the end of the day, I wouldn't do it because I'm married." Last week, it was claimed Beckham and Jolie were set to team up for a steamy set of ads.

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### Lohan's hair getting thin?

**IS THAT MY SCALP SHOWING?** Word is going around Hollywood that Lindsay Lohan's love of hair extensions is wreaking havoc on her locks. The starlet was spotted slipping out of a nightclub early in the morning the other day looking gaunt and tired. "She

appears to have a thinning hairline," a source tells the Mirror.

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## Janet wants the children

**FIGHT FOR CUSTODY** Janet Jackson wants custody of Michael Jackson's three children, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The late star had reportedly discussed his wishes for his kids — Prince Michael I, 12, Paris, 11, and Prince Michael II, 7, known as Blanket — in the event of his death and was even planning to draft a new will to amend custody details. A source said: "There was a lot of rifts in the family, but Janet was the one person he spoke to regularly and he made sure the children kept in touch with her too."

"Ultimately, he wanted Janet to look after the children, with help from his mother Katherine, and was planning to draft a new

will to reflect those wishes. He trusted Janet implicitly.

"When he had health concerns, he had a talk with Janet about how much she meant to him and the children, and how if anything happened to him, he wanted her to make sure the children would be loved and cared for in the same way he was raising them. She told him of course she would."

Janet has the support of her siblings in taking over as primary caregiver.

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## Back and better than ever?

**ISLAND REHAB** Amy Winehouse is back. She arrived in the U.K. from St. Lucia Monday, looking initially tearful to be home, but healthier than she has for ages, people.com reports.

Winehouse, 25, who has been in the Caribbean island for much of the year is planning on catching up with friends and working on her new music. But most noticeable is her improved complexion and fuller figure.

"She is good. She has been looking after herself," says a friend. "She did a lot of exercise and she has been eating better. Look at her — she is not what she was."

While there, life was not

all beach romps and relaxation. She aborted a performance at the St. Lucia jazz festival in May and then canceled a slot at the celebration of her record company.

But, tales of her going on alcoholic benders are exaggerated, friends say. "She is Amy Winehouse and has a drink. But she has improved considerably." The source adds, "She has had to cope with some huge problems, including her marriage of course," referring to her estranged husband Blake Fielder-Civil starting divorce proceedings earlier this year.

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### Partying could ruin my music

**IS THAT A BAD THING?** Katy Perry refuses to overdo it when she's partying — because she's worried it will ruin her pop career, femalefirst.co.uk reports. "I've seen too many people live that way and almost wreck their careers ... These days I see the wisdom in having a good night's sleep."

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### Fox slams her movie

**BUT THE MONEY IS NICE** Megan Fox can't seem to stop herself from slamming her

new film, Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen. "I forced myself to sit down for Transformers 2," Fox says, according to the Sun. "I shot an entire glass of champagne so that I could get through it."

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### Tarantino will quit at 60

**ALRIGHTY THEN** Quentin Tarantino doesn't plan on overstaying his welcome in Hollywood. The director tells GQ that he'll retire from filmmaking when he turns 60 because he doesn't want his work to

deteriorate. "Directors don't get better, they get worse," he explains.

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### Renée stood up ... by her driver

**YOU'RE FIRED** Renée Zellweger can't catch a break. While partying at a nightclub in East Hampton over

the weekend, the New in Town star got stood up — by her driver. After a night of drinking and dancing, Zellweger was ready to head

home around 1:30 a.m., but her driver was nowhere to be found. She ended up getting a ride from the club's security.

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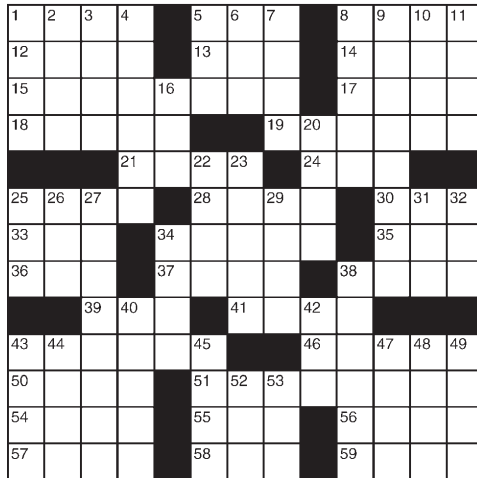


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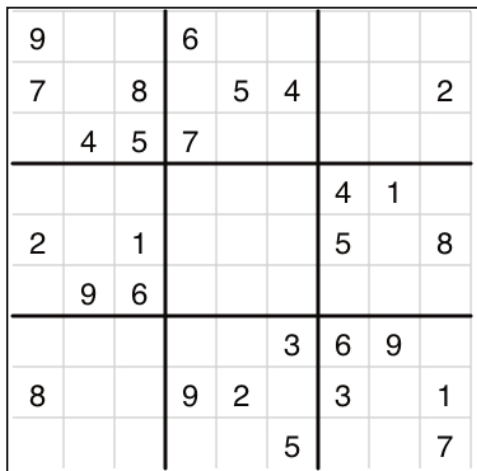
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## Sudoku

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**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



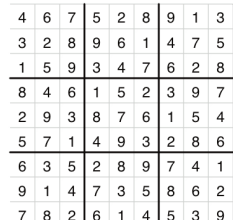
## Crossword across

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|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Otherwise      | 28 It takes the   | marry             |
| 5 Sushi offering | cake              | 50 Therefore      |
| 8 Rue the run    | 30 Corn spike     | 51 Trouble        |
| 12 First slayer  | 33 Past           | 54 Doves' home    |
| 13 Pint in a pub | 34 Rorschach im-  | 55 Big bother     |
| 14 Crucifix      | ages              | 56 Men-only       |
| 15 Looker        | 35 Historic time  | 57 Pianist Dame   |
| 17 North Sea     | 36 Solidify       | Myra              |
| feeder           | 37 Valhalla VIP   | 58 Infinitesimal  |
| 18 Actor Davis   | 38 Mulligan, for  | 59 "Bonanza" role |
| 19 Connective    | one               |                   |
| tissue           | 39 "CSI" find     |                   |
| 21 Dalai —       | 41 Moist          |                   |
| 24 Ungraceful    | 43 Secret Service |                   |
| one              | agent, often      |                   |
| 25 Doily feature | 46 Run off to     |                   |

## Crossword down

- |                  |                    |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Reverberate    | 20 A really long   | 40 Attendance      |
| 2 Cambodia       | time               | count?             |
| neighbor         | 22 Jell-O creation | 42 Kitten's call   |
| 3 Perches        | 23 Duck            | 43 Leave a good    |
| 4 Store fodder   | 25 Trail behind    | impression?        |
| 5 Water (Fr.)    | 26 Time of your    | 44 Old woman's     |
| 6 2003 Will Fer- | life?              | home?              |
| rell movie       | 27 Deli            | 45 Spring occur-   |
| 7 Remaining      | assortment         | rence              |
| 8 Where the ac-  | 29 Sicilian        | 47 Sgt. Snorkel's  |
| tion is          | spouter            | dog                |
| 9 Strong appre-  | 31 "You —          | 48 Carrots' part-  |
| hension          | There"             | ners               |
| 10 Bum           | 32 Uncivilized     | 49 Work units      |
| 11 Paradise      | 34 Wild porker     | 52 Praise in verse |
| 16 Afternoon so- | 38 1984 Tom        | 53 Pirouette piv-  |
| cial             | Hanks movie        | ot                 |

## PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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Under 13 min Genius  
13-17 min Scholar

17-21 min Smart

21-25 min Not bad

25+ min Keep practising

## Metro Recipe of the Day



## Spicy Crab with Chili Mayo

### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 green chilli pepper
- 1 small green pepper
- 1 small red onion
- 3 scallions
- 4 dressed crabs in their shells, to yield 1 lb (500 g) crab meat
- 3 oz (85 g) ricotta cheese
- Salt and black pepper
- 1 1/4 cups (300 ml) French mayonnaise
- 1 tsp (5 ml) dried chili flakes
- 4 slices of white bread

### METHOD:

1. Rinse, dry, deseed and finely slice peppers. Halve, peel and thinly slice red onion. Rinse, dry, trim and slice scallions, including some of green parts, and put all into mixing bowl.
2. Take crab meat out of shells and add to mixing bowl with ricotta cheese,

stirring until well combined. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

3. Stir chili flakes into mayonnaise and season with salt and pepper if necessary. Place in serving bowl and set aside.
4. Toast bread, quarter into triangles, and arrange on serving platter. Pile crab mixture in centre and place bowl of chili mayonnaise on one side.
5. Let each person help themselves to crab mixture, spreading on toast and topping with chili-flavoured mayonnaise.

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**ARIES**  
**MARCH 21-APRIL 20**  
Little things will annoy you today and you will snap at people who move too slow for your liking.

**TAURUS**  
**APRIL 21-MAY 21**  
Minor setbacks are just that — minor — so don't get worked up about them. A positive attitude is a must if you are going to overcome obstacles today.

**LIBRA**  
**SEPT 23-OCT 23**  
Someone in a position of authority won't take kindly to you pointing out where they've gone wrong, but do so anyway.

**SCORPIO**  
**OCT 24-NOV 22**  
Don't be too eager to draw conclusions from limited information. Just because the facts point in a single direction does not mean it's right.

**GEMINI**  
**MAY 22-JUNE 21**  
You could lose out if you let someone persuade you that what their heart says should be allowed to overrule what your head is telling you.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
**NOV 23-DEC 21**  
A personal matter you were hoping to keep secret will become common knowledge today and you won't be pleased.

**CANCER**  
**JUNE 22-JULY 22**  
Other people's demands are simply too much and the sooner you let them know you have no intention of giving in to them, the better.

**CAPRICORN**  
**DEC 22-JAN 20**  
Common sense is a commodity that appears to be in short supply at the moment, so don't expect others to see things as clearly as you.

**LEO**  
**JULY 23-AUG 23**  
Everyone seems to be running around in a blind panic at the moment. Why? It's not as if the current crisis — so-called — is something new.

**AQUARIUS**  
**JAN 21-FEB 18**  
You expect so much of yourself that, inevitably, you sometimes fall short and feel like a failure. Jupiter in your sign is once again raising your ambitions.

**VIRGO**  
**AUG 24-SEPT 22**  
You are allowed to disagree with the powers that be and you are allowed to express your opinions in any way and at any level you see fit.

**PISCES**  
**FEB 19-MARCH 20**  
The Sun remains in the most dynamic area of your chart just one more week and you should make use of it to succeed at a creative project.

## This day in history

JULY 15, 1870: Rupert's Land and the North-Western Territory are transferred to Canada from the Hudson's Bay Company, and the province of Manitoba and the North-West Territories are established from these vast territories.

JULY 15, 1979: U.S. President Jimmy Carter gives his famous "malaise" speech, where he characterizes the greatest threat to the country as "this crisis in the growing doubt about the meaning of our own lives and in the loss of a unity of purpose for our nation."

JULY 15, 2003: AOL Time Warner disbands Netscape Communications Corporation. The Mozilla Foundation is established on the same day.

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1. CNN founder Turner's cots (1)
2. "Believe" singer's places to sit (1)
3. Cain's brother's dining furniture (2)
4. Hobo's gooseneck lighting (1)
5. Grave robber's bar seats (1)
6. Lazy or unimpressive one's sofas (2)
7. Stab taker's chests of drawers (2)

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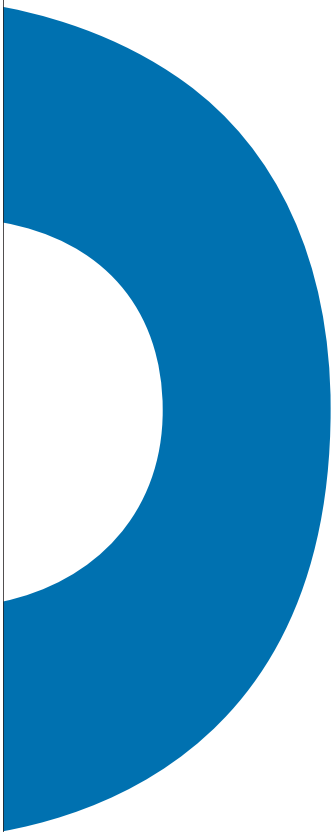
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